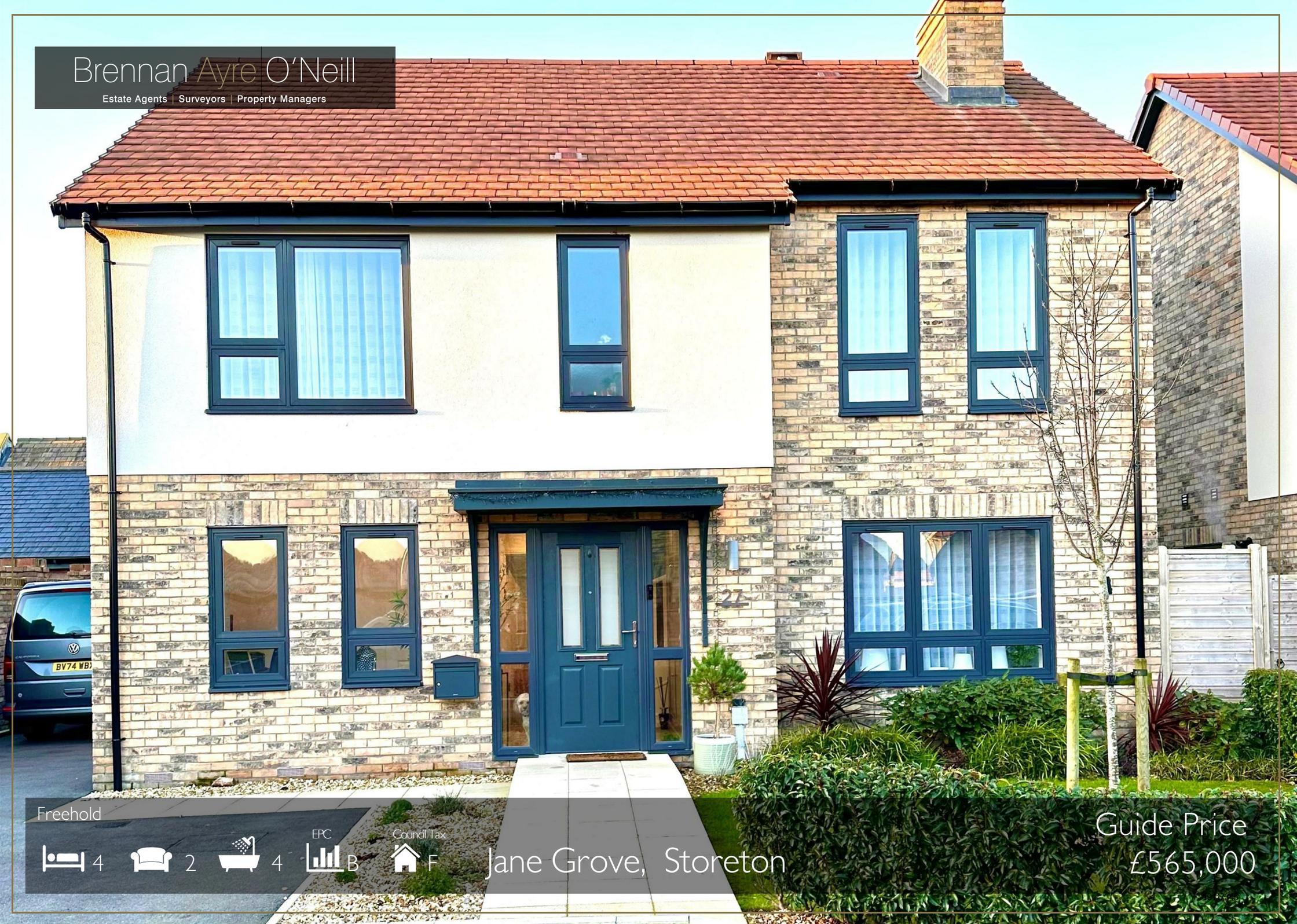


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Freehold



Jane Grove, Storeton

Guide Price
£565,000

We'll try hard here to keep the superlatives to a minimum - not an easy ask, harder still when we're engaged to sell something, somewhere as quite as exceptional as this home. A home built by JP Livesey Group who declared they built Storeton Hall with 'Family sized homes designed specifically for this countryside setting'

They say that they are 'Renowned for purchasing and redeveloping period and listed buildings, many people forget that our new build portfolio is equally as diverse and impressive...'

We believe Storeton Hall, with its refined refurbishment of Storeton Hall itself, an extraordinary building, indeed one of the oldest buildings on Wirral and having its Ancient Monument Status; together with a small selection of new homes certainly sets the bench mark very high..

And what of our specific house sale? In basic terms this is a four bedroomed detached home with a garage and a garden.

But actually there's absolutely nothing, in our humble view at least, basic about this property - at all. Let us start with the position of the house. Where clearly there is nothing average either about the south westerly aspect to the rear garden - a view in fact onto this 14th Century building, quite stunning..

Staying outdoors then, please take note of the run up through this well 'polished' and manicured development and one thing you won't find is an abundance of parked cars along the road or verge. Why? Because it stands against a registered covenant. Furthermore the management company are responsible for addressing the standards of neatness of borders/verges together with lighting and visitor parking facilities. Rest assured too that this house has a freehold title.

So no clutter of parked cars on the road and with visitor parking available in addition to which a major advantage to this property (one of many) is how it benefits from four parking spaces - three comfortably in tandem and the fourth to the right hand side of the main drive.

And over to the sun drenched rear garden (as and when the British spring/summer sunshine arrives), you'll find an immaculate garden, as perfect, we say, as the interior (with its description to follow). There's a central lawn, raised borders fronted by slate filled gabion cages; a composite decked area, a black pergola with roller 'Solar shades' to either open side, good on a drizzly day as much as when the sun becomes just too much - in fact it can and has been an extra 'reception' area. For interest and intrigue note the bat box high up in the garage's gable end wall - but be patient; whilst waiting listen to the soporific sound of the water feature dead ahead along the rear boundary border..

We very much hope our brief slideshow of photographs give an indication of the style both in design of accommodation (our floor plan will obviously highlight the open plan layout you will encounter); and the finish. And it is here we wish to highlight the not inconsiderable amount of additional fixtures and fittings our client has added since they moved in to their brand new house back in just 2021:

We'll start with that hugely impressive pergola and the extra additional landscaping to maximise their outdoor enjoyment. A remote garage door; all electric blinds to ground floor (voile made to measure, operated by one remote); a display of additional matching deep kitchen units within the dining area (inc extra fridge and freezer; a bespoke 'Boot room' in the shape of a smart wall unit within the hall; Karndean laid throughout the open plan rear living area, hall and cloakroom as well as fitted wardrobes were added to all of the bedrooms and the loft was subsequently boarded and with loft ladder fitted.





From outside to inside the standards are high. The rooms beautifully appointed, decorated and nicely proportioned too. And whilst the emphasis mostly obviously is on luxury, there is an enviable very easy and practical flow to the ground floor: (not least when the triple bi folds are enjoyed wide open). There's a study, front of house; a cloakroom; a utility room and three bath/shower rooms (together with all four 'fitted' bedrooms which show off the more useful aspects to this near perfect state of luxurious accommodation...

And all this extra comfort added for pleasure does but enhance what was already a very well presented and specified property. So you may ask, is this home faultless? Likely not; but as near so as we can find. ; Is this then a home of quality: (definition: the standard of something as measured against other things of a similar kind; the degree of excellence of something) - we'll let you be the judge of that. Suffice to say we believe it is a very special home and most certainly worth your while investigating.

Now J P Livesey go on to talk about horse riding, hacking etc. That is to highlight this unusual stretch of rural Wirral - unusual for its proximity to all point of the Wirral. Liverpool and the tunnel, for example, not more than fifteen minutes by car; Wirral Grammar School around about the same, given the school traffic as you head into Bebington. And yet as you drive out of Jane Grove you can and will experience much open countryside. For directions please Sat Nav: CH63 6AA At the end of our slide show of photos we leave you with a little more history of Storeton Hall Farm...







STORETON HALL
THE WIRRAL

A high status Medieval hall house for the Stanley family

The historic buildings in front of you have had a long and obscured history this was one of the most important medieval sites in North-West England. Although some of the buildings were demolished long ago and the rest have been altered, this place is significant for the remains of a medieval manor house built by the Stanley family, who later became the Earls of Derby, the leading aristocratic family of the region.

There was a farm at Storeton since at least the Norman period, in the Domesday Book of 1086 it was called 'Storoton' an Old Norse place name meaning 'great farmstead'. In 1230, the manor at Storeton came into the Stanley family when Joan de Beaumont, daughter of the first Baron of Wrexham, married Sir William de Stanley. Sir William became the Wrexham, a privileged position, and he became very wealthy. His descendants, also called William de Stanley, constructed new buildings at the manor house in the 1370s. The Stanley family's association with Storeton lasted almost six hundred years.

We know that new buildings were built at Storeton Hall for William de Stanley because a medieval building contract survives. This contract, dated 1372, was between William de Stanley and Roger de Barton, a mason and craftsman, and refers to building five gables and two chimneys at the manor house in Storeton. In 1371, the Bishop of Lichfield showed a small chapel to be created here, perhaps in an existing room. All that survives of this important manor house is one wall of the open hall and the altered solar wing on the north-west side.

THE BUILDINGS

The arched door and arched windows on the north-west facing south-west were part of the great medieval hall of the manor house. Only one wall has survived as the rest of the hall was demolished when a barn was built against the outside of the wall in the late 17th century. What you can see is the inside base of the medieval hall wall. The arched doorway and the restored stone windows are typical of the 14th century medieval features. The shaped hoodmould at the top of the tall windows (called tracery) was discovered in 2017. The windows had been blocked with stone when the barn was built. Similar tracery is also seen in church windows.

To the left of the hall the 2-storey 'solar' wing was the Stanley family's private wing. It was altered for farming use, but the tall arched window on the west gable and originally an upper chamber that would have been an important room.

The wing is built of large blocks of ashlar stone and has corner buttresses, typical of medieval manor houses and churches. The upper chamber would have had a fireplace on the north-west side wall and a fine timber roof structure, but these features are missing.

Chalmers, to connect Thornton Manor to higher buildings, in 1912-14, this cut off Storeton Hall Farm from the fields west of the village. In the late 20th century, the tower developed the farm for many stables. The historic buildings were repaired and restored to be created here, perhaps in an existing room. All that survives of this important manor house is one wall of the open hall and the altered solar wing on the north-west side.

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Floor Plan



Viewing

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